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Dr. N.N. Poppe
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Dear Dr. Poppe:

I have your letter of the 2nd October, and hasten to apologize for my long delay in answering. I was, however, out of town when it arrived, and did not return until this week.

I am informed that since you wrote me, Mr. [] has seen you and talked with you at length. I am glad that at last you are in touch and will thus feel easier with respect to any false starts in meeting him. Mr. [] by the way, said that he very much enjoyed his talks with you.

There is still no fresh news at this end about the position of your two sons, but we expect to hear a favorable answer in the not too distant future. I certainly hope that Major Macleod will also turn up with some good news for you soon. Please don't worry unduly about all this. I have always found things less terrible than I had thought them to be.

I was very interested in your comments about the situation in China. I am inclined to agree with you also that the advent of USSR atomic competence will cause little change. In fact, it may well be that atomic weapons will take their place beside gas warfare as weapons not used by tacit consent of both sides.

You seem to have a very heavy schedule of lectures and teaching. I hope you won't work too hard and leave yourself no time for seeing the scenery and other things of interest in Seattle.

Mr. [] has asked me to thank you for your expressions of regard, and to reciprocate for him. I hope you will continue to keep me au courant with your new life in Seattle - I am very much interested in your reactions, favorable and unfavorable, to everything.

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Very sincerely,
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